



APD NEWS

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APD announces “No-Refusal” for Halloween Weekend

The Austin Police Department will enforce a “No-Refusal” DWI Initiative during Halloween weekend. The initiative will take place on Friday, October 30, 2009 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. and Saturday October 31, 2009 from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The DWI initiative is an effort to enforce DWI laws, keep the public safe, and to conduct blood search warrants on suspects who refuse to give a breath or blood specimen as required by law. This includes new DWI laws that recently went into effect starting September 1, 2009. A high number of DWI arrests are made in Austin each year. Approximately half of last year’s traffic fatalities were alcohol related.

APD is focused on saving lives on the streets and highways of Austin and making Austin roadways safe for everyone through education and enforcement.

“Halloween Weekend” DWI Initiative Friday October 30, 2009 and Saturday October 31, 2009 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Media advisory: Lt. David Mahoney with the Highway Enforcement Unit will be available at 8 p.m. on Friday and 9 p.m. on Saturday at the BAT Bus located at E. 15th and Colorado Streets.

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